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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES**

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Each paramedic unit is responsible for labeling all hardware (radios, monitors, splints, kits, etc.) in their inventory with their department and unit designation.

A current log of items which must be left with a patient at a hospital will be maintained by the paramedic unit and those items retrieved as soon as possible. The log should include the type of equipment, quantity, hospital location, date left, patient or run number and date retrieved.

When Items are missing from the inventory, they are to be reported immediately to the appropriate fire department officer and to the EMS supervisor at the Paramedic Training Center as soon as possible but no later than the next regular business day.

Approved inventory lists for equipment and supplies are available from Milwaukee County EMS. A copy of the kit setup is required to be submitted and kept on file with Milwaukee County EMS on an annual basis. Any piece of equipment or supply not specifically included cannot be present on the vehicle or used by paramedics without the written permission of the Medical Director. Proposals to add new equipment must include in-service, evaluation and continuing education information and a fiscal impact statement.

Essential equipment must be on the paramedic unit and operational in order for the unit to be in service and respond to requests for emergency medical services. This essential equipment includes:

- Airway Kit
- Medication Kit
- Suction
- Oxygen Kit
- Stretcher
- Communications equipment (the cellular telephone on the 12 Lead may be used for emergency communications if the Apcor or Micor systems fail)
- Monitor-defibrillator